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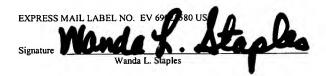
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## COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, included in the Notice of Allowability dated June 24, 2005, Applicants submit that following remarks:

Applicants do not object to the Reasons for Allowance with respect to claim 1. However, the Reasons for Allowance make reference to some specific claim limitations that are not included in claim 8.

- 1. Claim 8 is directed to a "A reference voltage generator circuit," and does not recite, " sense amplifier," in line 1.
- 2. Claim 8 does not require that the start-up bias reference voltage generator (SBRVG) is coupled to the sense amplifier bias reference voltage generator (SABRVG).
- 3. Claim 8 references a "bias reference voltage generator," in line 3, and not a "sense amplifier bias reference voltage generator."

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Therefore, the above claim recitations of claim 1, which are not included in claim 8, do not limit claim 8.

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